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In re Application of

Hiroshi UEHARA

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DAMPER DISK ASSEMBLY

Patent Art Unit: 3679

Examiner: Gregory John Binda

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Sir:
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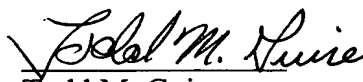
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INDEP 2	- 3	=	*		x 100 = \$		x 200 = \$	
[] 1ST PRESENTATION OF MULT. DEP. CLAIM					+ 180 = \$		+ 360 = \$	
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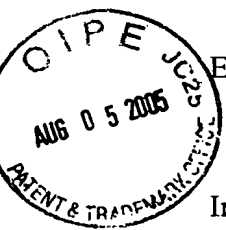
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The election/restriction requirement dated July 28, 2005 holds that this application contains claims directed to three patentably distinct species. More specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species I - Figures 1-14;

Species II - Figures 15 and 16; and

Species III- Figures 17 and 18.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that at least claim 1 is generic.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the species illustrated in Figures 1-14 *without* traverse. Applicant believes that claims 1-18 read on Figures 1-14. Further, Applicant believes that claims 1 and 10 are generic.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-18 since they read on the elected species shown in Figures 1-14. Claims 19 and 20 are believed to be directed to

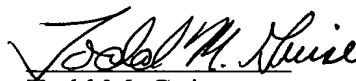
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non-elected embodiments. Thus, these claims 19 and 20 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case. However, Applicants respectfully request that these non-elected claims be considered upon the allowance of a generic claim in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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